

Tribal member profile

'Hambone' awarded medal

Much has changed since the Cold War broke out in 1945.

In that year, tensions were running high between the two world powers. Franklin Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term. Anne Frank died in a concentration camp. Bread was nine cents a loaf. Gasoline had skyrocketed to 21 cents per gallon.

Just nine years before the start of the Cold War, on November 6, 1936, Merle and James Greeley welcomed their newborn son into the world at the old "Hollywood Huts."

"And that's where it pretty much started for me," Hamilton 'Hambone' Greeley recently said.

Hambone worked at odd jobs. He recalls an era when many tribal members would travel to the Willamette Valley to pick berries.

"I started picking berries when I was around five years old," he said. "When young people see me in my house on the hillside today they think I must be driving around with a wheelbarrow full of money. No, I was raised in a time when you worked hard for very little."

In his early 20s, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

"I was young and foolish then," he said. "I had to learn fast about the Russians and the Berlin Wall. Because I knew what would come after young and foolish... old and foolish."

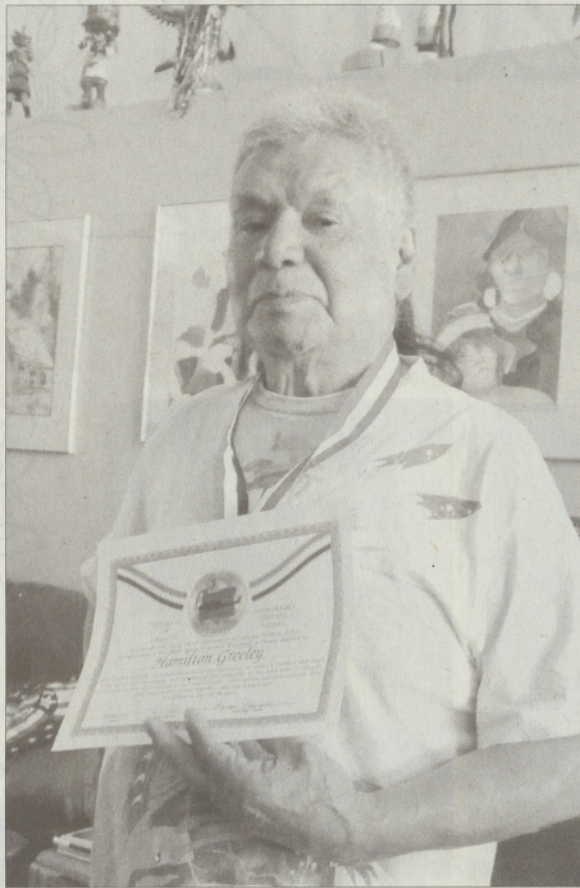
Upon his return to the reservation, determined to have direction in his life, Hambone was greeted by Nellie Queahpama, the wife of Chief Queahpama.

"It was an honor, she called me by my Indian name, Kush. She didn't speak English, everything to her was in the Indian language. I remember that she was 115 years old when she gave my son his own Indian name. She lived another five years after that."

From there, with the help of the BIA, Hambone got to work on his education.

"They shipped me off to Springfield, Massachusetts," he said. "It was a great experience, a wonderful school. That's where they make the Springfield rifle. They say that's where they invented basketball."

Hambone completed his



Hamilton Greeley with recent award.

internship and returned to Warm Springs to begin working with the summer youth work program under adwai Chief Nelson Wallulatum.

From there, he has worked as a police officer, a juvenile judge, an appellate judge, among other positions. But his lesson in life has been to stay busy.

"Right now I'm helping my son to sell his powwow DVDs," Hamilton says. "I like to cover the events that are closer to home, while James will travel further out."

In his life journey, Hambone has taken careful consideration to particular lessons.

Treaty Days

Hamilton remembers back to the early days of Paiyumsha, before it was an organized Treaty Days celebration. At first, Paiyumsha was a Fourth of July celebration, he said.

"It wasn't anything special, just a reason to get together and celebrate in a good way. I remember one year, people were excited when Sarah Johnson was the celebrity in the parade. She was Miss Indian America. So everybody knew it was getting to be a big thing then."

Veterans were always made to feel welcome, he recalled. Hambone missed out on

the first few years of the official Paiyumsha because he was a counselor then with the Job Corp.

"I've worn many hats," he recalls.

Field of Honor Medal

Outside his home which has an unbelievable view of the sky over the reservation, Hambone's hobby is to study the stars.

When asked about being awarded with a Field of Honor Medal from VFW Post #4276 in Sandy, Hambone is humble.

"That was the award I received last Sunday. That's John Neuman's group there, they gave out about ten medals. I drove down to receive my award with my partner, who likes to talk with veterans."

Hambone looks around his house with a smile.

"There is an order here," he said. "This is what I've wanted for so many years. So nothing is set in concrete. We're lucky to have our traditional rules and beliefs with us. We're lucky to have an elder's point of view when we can get it. The same way folks come here to seek out my advice. I'm here on the hillside. Me and my chickens."

— Duran Bobb

Howlak Tichum

Tu-Kia-Qan ~ Delbert Morris Blodgett (Boo-Boo)
~ July 28, 1958-April 26, 2012 ~

Boo-Boo was born to Fred Blodgett Sr. and Geraldine Blodgett on July 28, 1958 in Redmond, Oregon. Boo-Boo was a Warm Springs tribal member and resident.

In his life he accomplished many feats. He was a son, brother, nephew, uncle (great uncle and great-great uncle), cousin and loyal friend. He had worked at many things; most recently was tree thinning, janitorial and chimney sweeping. Boo-Boo gathered berries and roots, helped in drying and smoking of the many traditional foods. He was also a home gardener and loved his strawberries.

These last three years he dealt with liver and kidney problems. He had been doing kidney dialysis three times a week, which pretty much filled his week. On April 17, 2012, after dialysis he felt sick and was sent to Bend Memorial Hospi-



tal. He was stabilized there and ready to return home Thursday but early that morning he suffered a massive stroke. This compounded his liver and kidney failure. He was brought form the hospital to Bend to High Lookee Lodge on April 21 for Hospice Care.

Boo Boo passed away on April 25, 2012. A private dressing and service were done at High Lookee and then traveled to the Simnasho Longhouse for overnight ser-

vices and burial and Red Lake Cemetery on the morning of April 26.

Boo Boo touched many lives in his lifetime. He traveled to many places and touched many hearts with his contagious smile and impish chuckle. He was also an ornery person, and very impatient. He didn't want to wait for others or have others wait for him. He commented on the length of funerals and services, telling us, "When it's my time I'd like it over and done with in a timely manner. I don't like to wait and don't want others waiting on me." This is the reason he was laid to rest so promptly. His wishes were carried out.

He will be missed but left us with many memories.

"It is finished... He has traveled his last journey... Be joyous he is at rest."

School: voters strongly in favor

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"There is no question that we are passionate about building a new school for our children in Warm Springs," said Jody Calica, tribal secretary-treasurer. "This is something we have been working toward with our school district partners to inspire a better sense of hope and community."

Close to 650 tribal

members voted in the May 14 referendum, with a strong majority in favor. The vote was 501-147 in favor. A larger turnout would likely have seen passage of the referendum.

"We were only 369 votes short of meeting our threshold," Calica said, "and we are confident that we can get there if we hold another vote."

A year ago, the Warm

Springs tribes and Jefferson County school district announced a partnership to construct a k-8 school in Warm Springs, at East Tenino and Chukkar roads.

The agreement includes a 5-year plan for completion of the project. Joint funding of the new building is also part of this long-term plan.

Study links water with healthy food choices

(AP) — A new study by researchers at the University of Oregon suggests a relatively easy way to get children to eat more vegetables—serve water with meals.

The authors of the study say behavioral research has found people correlate a glass

of water with healthy food, and sugary drinks with items from convenience stores and fast-food restaurants.

The study found that preschool children consumed far more vegetables when coupled with a glass of water rather than a glass of soda.

Marketing professor Bettina Cornwell, a co-author of the study, said that water is often associated with healthy food, and that frequent consumption of water at the dinner table can create a healthier mindset with children.

Olympic medals from Native Americans on display

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Olympic medals from three Native American athletes who competed in the 1912 games in Stockholm, Sweden are in a new exhibit opening at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington.

The medals from athletes

Jim Thorpe, Billy Mills and Duke Kahanamoku go on display Friday to mark the 100th anniversary of the Stockholm games. Later in July, the medals will travel to London for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games to be displayed for spectators.

In 1912, Thorpe swept both the pentathlon and de-

cathlon. He was the first and only Olympian to accomplish this, and King Gustav V of Sweden proclaimed Thorpe "the greatest athlete in the world." Kahanamoku won the 100-meter freestyle.

Mills won the gold in Tokyo in 1964.

The exhibit is open through Sept. 3.

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